



...experienced a 11.5% increase in population between 1990 and 2000, resulting in a 2000 total population of 6,861. In 2000, the county had 9.1 persons per square mile, a density much lower than the state as a whole. The median age in Iron County is 45, indicating a much older population than the State of Wisconsin, which has a median age of 36.0 years. The largest municipality is the City of Hurley.

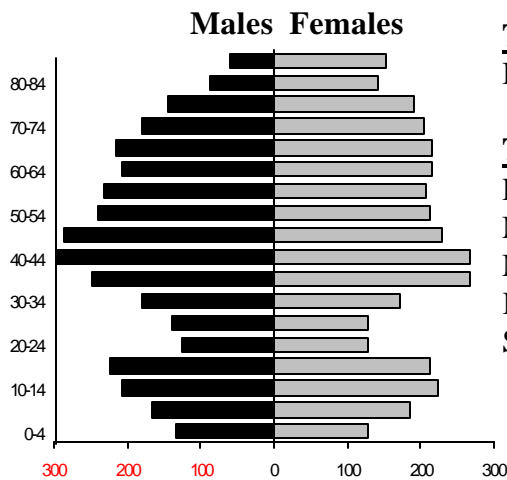
The median value of owner-occupied housing in Iron County is \$58,900. 38.1% of the housing units are seasonal, a value much above the state's average of 6.3%.

Farmland covers 2.0% of the county, while 42.9% of Wisconsin land is used for farming. The county is 91% forested and has 494 of the State's 15,057 lakes.

In Iron County, Art Unlimited Sportswear L.L.C. employs more workers than any other manufacturing firm, and the Hurley School District is the largest non-manufacturing employer. The Service industries generate the largest share of the county's total personal income. Iron County's 1999 median household income was \$29,580.

Population

2000



Total

Iron County

1990

6,153

2000

6,861

Top Five Municipalities

Hurley, City	1,782	Hurley, City	1,818
Mercer, Town	1,325	Mercer, Town	1,732
Montreal, City	838	Montreal, City	838
Kimball, Town	513	Kimball, Town	540
Saxon, Town	335	Oma, Town	355

Quality of Life

	<u>Wisconsin</u>	<u>Iron</u>
Persons per Square Mile, 2000	98.8	9.1
Number of Staffed Hospital Beds, 1995	16,070	0
Average Birth Rate per 1,000 population, 2000	12.9	5.8
Public School Enrollment, 2000-2001	879,476	1,003
Number of 2000 Public High School Graduates	58,545	103
1999-2000 Public High School Dropout Rate	2.3%	0.6%

Vital Statistics

	<u>1990</u>		<u>2000</u>	
	<u>Wisconsin</u>	<u>Iron</u>	<u>Wisconsin</u>	<u>Iron</u>
Birth Rate (per 1,000)	14.8	11.1	12.9	5.8
Death Rate (per 1,000)	8.7	15.8	8.7	12.2
Number of Marriages	38,934	65	36,100	51
Number of Divorces	17,727	24	17,337	27

Housing

	<u>1990</u>	<u>2000</u>
Total Number of Housing Units	5,243	5,706
Number of Single-Unit Structures	4,224	4,778
Number of Multiple-Unit Structures	541	583
Number of Single Units Permitted	37	(NA)
Number of Multiple Units Permitted	0	(NA)
Percent Seasonal Housing	37.1%	38.1%
Median Value, Owner-Occupied	\$30,800	\$58,900
Median Rent	\$171	\$251

Recreation

<u>1995 Number of:</u>	<u>Wisconsin</u>	<u>Iron</u>
Campgrounds	1,106	13
Campsites	75,367	246
Hiking Trails (in miles)	5,617	104
Mountain Biking Trails (in miles)	3,155	118
Cross Country Skiing Trails (in miles)	4,154	90
Snowmobile Trails (in miles)	14,896	288
Visitor Expenditures, 2000	\$11,046,539,344	\$56,765,986

Income

	<u>1980</u>	<u>1990</u>	<u>2000</u>
Total Personal Income	\$49,163	\$83,210	\$143,089
Non-Farm Personal Income (in thousands)	\$48,406	\$81,513	\$143,375
Farm Income (in thousands)	\$757	\$1,697	\$(286)
Per Capita Income	\$7,303	\$13,484	\$20,858
Transfer Payments (in thousands)	\$13,571	\$21,402	\$35,033
Proprietor Income (in thousands)	\$4,474	\$10,886	\$14,741

Banking

<u>2000</u>	<u>Wisconsin</u>	<u>Iron</u>
Savings Institutions-Offices	396	0
Savings Institutions-Savings Capital (Millions)	\$12,761	\$0
Commercial Banks-Offices	1,720	2
Commercial Banks-Deposits (Millions)	\$62,618	\$59

Government Finance

<u>1997</u>	<u>Wisconsin</u>	<u>Iron</u>
Total Property Taxes Levied (in 1000's)	\$5,144,206	\$5,830
Effective per Capita Property Tax	\$997	\$894
Total Expenditures (in 1,000's)	\$17,139,825	\$19,817
In Dollars per Capita	\$3,322	\$3,039
As Percent of Total:		
Education	43.2%	41.4%
Health & Hospital	4.5%	6.8%
Police	5.0%	4.5%
Fire	2.3%	1.2%
Public Welfare	6.8%	0.5%
Highways	7.7%	18.9%

Retail, Service, Wholesale

<u>1997</u>	<u>Wisconsin</u>	<u>Iron</u>
Number of Retail Sales Establishments	21,717	38
Sales (in thousands)	\$50,520,463	\$49,419
Annual Payroll (in thousands)	\$4,826,217	\$4,502
Number of Service Establishments	55,618	91
Receipts (in thousands)	\$48,559,607	\$22,541
Annual Payroll (in thousands)	\$18,990,629	\$7,503
Number of Wholesale Establishments	8,025	8
Sales (in thousands)	\$57,192,863	\$11,906
Annual Payroll (in thousands)	\$3,764,944	\$1,100

Manufacturing

<u>1997</u>	<u>Wisconsin</u>	<u>Iron</u>
Number of Establishments	9,936	12
Number of Employees	562,479	534
Total Payroll (in 1,000's)	\$18,766,395	\$10,457
Production Workers, average number	416,254	462
Production Worker Hours (in 1,000's)	837,444	789
Production Worker Wages (in 1,000's)	\$11,952,570	\$7,308
Value Added (in 1,000's)	\$54,947,083	\$28,180
Value of Shipments (in 1,000's)	\$117,382,992	\$64,175

2002 Top Employers

<u>Top Five Manufacturing Firms</u>	<u>Number Employed</u>	<u>Product/Type of Business</u>
Art Unlimited Sportswear L.L.C.	100-249	Men's and Boy's Clothing
Action Floor Systems L.L.C.	100-249	Hardwood Dimension & Flooring Mills
Midwest Forest Products Co.	20-49	Logging
Snow Country Hardwoods Inc.	20-49	Sawmills and Planing Mills
Snowbelt Hardwoods Inc.	20-49	Sawmills and Planing Mills
<u>Top Five Non-Manufacturing Firms</u>		
Hurley School District	100-249	Elementary and Secondary School
Villa Maria Healthcare Center	100-249	Skilled Nursing Care Facility
County of Iron	50-99	Executive & Legislative Govt.
The Copps Corporation	50-99	Grocery Stores
Wayne Nasi Construction, Inc.	50-99	General Contractors

Employment by Industry

	<u>1980</u>	<u>1990</u>	<u>2000</u>
Mining	(L)	(L)	(DS)
Construction	144	222	426
Manufacturing	399	302	(DS)
Transportation and Public Utilities	64	53	99
Trade	649	757	919
Services	589	834	1,258
Government	403	361	407

Income by Industry

In Thousands:	<u>1980</u>	<u>1990</u>	<u>2000</u>
Mining	\$86	(L)	(DS)
Construction	\$2,065	\$5,124	\$9,708
Manufacturing	\$4,051	\$3,971	(DS)
Transportation and Public Utilities	\$934	\$821	\$1,817
Trade	\$4,715	\$7,134	\$12,595
Services	\$3,824	\$10,835	\$18,518
Government	\$4,547	\$7,819	\$13,128

Natural Resources

	<u>Wisconsin</u>	<u>Iron</u>
Land Area (square miles)	54,310	757
Total Forest Land (in thousands of acres)	15,964.8	441.3
Commercial	15,702.5	441.3
Non-Commercial	262.3	0
Percent Land in Forests	46%	91%
Number of Lakes	15,057	494
Total Acreage of Lakes	982,155	29,368

Farming

<u>1997</u>	<u>Wisconsin</u>	<u>Iron</u>
Number of Farms	65,602	38
Land in Farms (acres)	14,900,205	9,633
Average size of Farm (acres)	227	254
Sales by Selected Products (in 1,000's):		
Hay, Silage, and Field Seeds	\$106,572	(DS)
Vegetables, Sweet Corn, and Melons	\$149,443	\$17
Fruits, Nuts, and Berries	\$140,140	(DS)
Nursery and Greenhouse Crops	\$157,348	(DS)
Poultry and Poultry Products	\$241,523	(DS)
Dairy Products	\$2,746,950	\$439
Cattle and Calves	\$670,518	\$65
Hogs and Pigs	\$151,164	(DS)

Notes:

(NA) - Not available

(DS) - Data suppressed; not shown to avoid disclosure of confidential information

(L) - Less than 10 persons employed in "Employed by Industry" or less than \$50,000 in "Income by Industry"

Number of Single-Unit Structures - Number of housing units standing alone

Number of Multiple-Unit Structures - Number of housing units connected to another structure, including other housing units

Percent Factory Jobs - Percent of employed persons working in factories

Services - Includes services and finance, insurance, and real estate

Trade - Includes retail and wholesale trade

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INCOME BY INDUSTRY

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